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SUBJ: FISHMEAL WITH POSSIBLE POLY-CHLORINATED BIPHENYL
- CONTAMINATION.

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1. MR. BEN MIRTO, EXECUTIVE V.P. OF INTERNATIONAL PROTEIN COMPANY (IPC) CALLED AT EMBASSY MAY 15 TO DISCUSS FISHMEAL SHIPMENT WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF REFTEL. IPC, ACCORDING MIRTO, PURCHASED SOME CONTAMINATED TUNAMEAL IN U.S., BUT MIRTO CLAIMS THAT NONE OF THIS MEAL WAS SHIPPED TO EGYPT. INITIALLY, COMPANY HAD INDICATED TO FDA THAT SOME OF CONTAMINATED MEAL HAD BEEN SHIPPED TO CUSTOMER HERE, BUT THIS ASSERTION WAS BASED ON ERROR MADE BY ONE OF COMPANY'S CLERKS. IN FACT, ONLY SHIPMENTS MADE TO EGYPT WERE OF HERRING MEAL, NOT TUNA, AND SHIPMENT CONTAINED NO CONTAMINANTS WHATEVER. MIRTO TOLD US HE HAD CONTACTED THE IMPORTER (AL NASR IMPORT/EXPORT COMPANY), THE LOCAL PURCHASER (GENERAL POULTRY COMPANY), AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIALS IN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY MATTER. EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO TAKE SAMPLES AND MAKE THEIR OWN TESTS.

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2. AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBASSY SENT COPIES OF MESSAGE TO IMPORTER AND PURCHASER AS WELL AS OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. IF IPC HAS DEMONSTRATED TO SATISFACTION OF FDA THAT SHIPMENT TO EGYPT WAS IN FACT NOT CONTAMINATED, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE MESSAGE FROM FDA TO THIS EFFECT SO THAT WE CAN SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

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